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STATEMENT: LAWSUIT FILED BY ACLU REGARDING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED TO FOSTER YOUTH

The County of Los Angeles cares deeply about the children in its care, and while we cannot comment on the lawsuit for obvious reasons, on behalf of the members of the County of Los Angeles Interagency Children's Services Consortium, I wish to stress that the County is focused on providing quality care to our children. Despite our challenges regarding the size and complexity of our system of care and the number of children we must care for, we have made major strides in improving services of all types for children and their families. We work collaboratively and our departments have united their efforts in meaningful ways to improve quality of life for our children.

A review of our performance will highlight the significant improvements we have made over the past two years.

We are totally committed to the well-being of the children and families of Los Angeles County.

David Janssen
Consortium Chairman, and
Chief Administrative Officer
County of Los Angeles

(Members of the Interagency Children's Services Consortium are:

Anita Bock, director of the Department of Children and Family Services

Dr. Marvin Southard, director of Mental Health Department

Richard Shumsky, director of the Probation Department

Lisa Nunez, interim administrator of the MacLaren Children's Center

Marilyn Gogolin, acting superintendent of the Los Angeles County Office of Education

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